

## REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 25-48 are pending. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request examination and an action on the merits.

The specification has been amended to include an indication of the priority claim.

New claims 25-48 are substantively identical to cancelled claims 1-24. The new claims are presented without multiple dependencies.

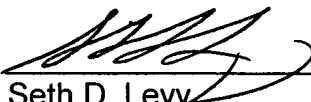
Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 04-0258. If additional fees are believed necessary, the Commissioner is further authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0258.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now believed to be allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (213) 633-6800.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE LLP

By   
Seth D. Levy  
Registration No. 44,869

865 South Figueroa Street, Suite 2400  
Los Angeles, CA 90017-2566  
Phone: (213) 633-6800  
Facsimile: (213) 633-6899